Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988; and state:

(a) what wag the term of extension of Kelkar Committee and when it expires;

(b) what is. the term for which Kelkar Committee has been further extended;

(e) what is the total number of representations received' by Kelkar Committee along with the details *of* each;

(d) how many representatipns have been copsidered by. the- Kelkar Committee along with the details and by when the total representations will be considered;

(e) by when. Kelkar Committee is expected to submit, its report in regard,, to rectification of anomalies brought to the nptice of Kelkar Committee;,

(i,) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has decided to submit a fresh; report on the basis of large scale anomalies brought to their notice; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE, MINISTER- OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (A) (b) and (e) The extended term of the Kelkar Committee which expired on 29th February, 1988 has been further extended upto 15th May, 1988.

(e) and (d) Details ofl represents tions received, from the industry Organisations/Associations and Members of Parliament regarding inclusion in/exclusion from the price controlled categories; *of' druge* are given in the enclosed statements 1, II and ICC respectively (See reply to *the)* Unatarred Question 44, (a)) to- (d) *vide* cal 68-72 supra>: The representa tions? have, been -ferwardsd to the' Kelkar Committee.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Sources for identification of Hepatitis B-Vaccine

67. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased- to refer to the- answer to Uti-starred Question 3600 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, *1988* and state;

(,a) whether it is. a fact; that neither the sales turnpver nor the production and. imports of Hepatitis-B-Vaccing, Quinidine Sulphate, Ergometrine. and: Primaquin is monitored by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, what is the other source of such data on which Kelkar Committee relied while deciding identification of these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kelkar Committee- relied' on the information available with the Ministry of' Health and Family "Welfane while deciding identjficatiow of these drugs,

Prices of finished medicines

68. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will' the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased; to refer to the answer to Un statered Question 3483 given in. Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and: state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number, of *drug* companies. have increased the prices, of finished medicines des pite the fact that the., prices- of bulk' drugs going into the manufacture of these finished medicines, have not been increased

'(b), it SQ,, NAMES. of bulk drugs, where prices have not been increased

but the prices of finished medicines based on those drugs have been increased along with earlier price, increased price and percentage increase in each case;

(c)> what is the justification of price increase in each case;,

'(d) whether his Ministry has brought any medicine under price control; and

(e) if not, what is the purpose of effective monitoring the prices of price decontrolled medicines and having the power to bring back price decontrolled medicines under price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO),: (a) to (c) and (e) As per the. provisions, of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, manufacturers of Non-Scheduled-formulations are free to, revise the prices. However, Government is empowered to bring within price-control any priqe-decontrolled drug should it be considered necessary to do so.

(d) No, Sir.

Prices of decontrolled bulk drags

69. DR RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a)- whether it is a fact that the producers of price decontrolled bulk drugs have increased the prices after the announcement of DPCQ, 1987;

(b) if so, what *are* the names of bulk drugs along with the earlier price, present price and percentage increase in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that alt these bulk drugs were under price control under DPCO, 1979;

(d) if so, what was the price fixed under DPCO, "1879 along with the rate of price fixation;

(e) what are the names of producers of each bulk drug along with the-production of each during the last three years, year-wise; and

(f) what is' the licensed/registered capacity of each along with the stage of manufacture permitted in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Some instances; of price increase of decontrolled bulk drugs have come to, the notice of Government.

(b) The manufacturers of non-scheduled bulk drugs may revise their prices as per the provisions of DPCO 1987. A list of bulk drags *foe* which prices have gone up after announcement of DPCO is given in reply to Unstarred Question No 641 dated 29-2-1988.

(c) Some of these non-scheduled bulk drugs were previously under price control.

(d) A list of non-scheduled bulk drugs for which prices were fixed, under DPCO, 1979 is given in the enclosed statement with their current prica. see below)

(e) and (f) This department is monitoring the production of 87 bulk drugs only. The details required in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. The time and effort required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.